

## A Yizkor Prayer for Victims of Abuse

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May God remember my (father) (mother)

\_\_\_\_\_ ben/bat \_\_\_\_\_

who has gone to his/her eternal home.

May he/she be granted an opportunity  
to expiate the sins of his/her  
terrible acts against me.

May the loving fire of God's justice  
relieve him/her of the pain which corrupted  
the natural love of a parent for a child.

May God help me remember  
that my mother/father joined  
with God in giving me the gift of life  
and for that gift, despite the pain  
that has at times accompanied it,  
I am grateful. Mindful of that gratitude  
and as an offering on behalf of my  
father's/mother's penitence, I pledge  
to do acts of loving kindness and charity.

May my father/mother at last find peace  
in the eternal bond with God.

May I find peace in this world  
and salvation in the world to come.

## A Yizkor Prayer for Stillborn and Infant Deaths

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May God remember my son/daughter

\_\_\_\_\_ bat/ben \_\_\_\_\_

who has gone to eternal rest.

Her/his life was but the briefest flicker of a flame,  
extinguished before it had time to shed its light on the world  
but not before sharing its warmth with me.

Through the months of his/her gestation  
I prepared to nurture and to love her/him.

For the time that he/she lived

I gave to her/him everything a parent could have given  
and received everything I could have expected.

May the memory of the joy she/he brought to me  
in the short time that we were together  
strengthen me and may God count that joy  
as the weight of a life filled with such blessing,  
binding through that love and joy

\_\_\_\_\_ bat/ben \_\_\_\_\_

in the bonds of eternal life.

For the gift of his/her life without transgression  
I pledge to do acts of righteousness and tzedakah  
that she/he may merit eternal life  
and that I may find comfort in this world.